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SUBJECT: US "SPECIAL AIRBORNE ANTI-TANK UNIT"

1. THE SEPTEMBER 10 EDITION OF "LATEST NEWS," A PUBLICATION OF
THE NATO PRESS SERVICE, CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING ITEM, ATTRIBUTED
TO REUTER, EGIN QUOTE:

US SEEKS AIRBORNE ANTI-TANK UNIT

WASHINGTON: THE PENTAGON HAS ASKED CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE FORMATION
OF A SPECIAL AIRBORNE ANTI-TANK UNIT TO COUNTER THE SUPERIOR TANK
FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT IN EUROPE. IN A STUDY JUST PUBLISHED,
THE PENTAGON NOTED THAT A SUCCESSFUL DEFENCE OF CENTRAL EUROPE
MUST INVOLVE THE DESTRUCTION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF WARSAW PACT
TANKS, WHICH OUTNUMBER THOSE OF THE WEST BY 15,500 TO 6,000.
THE STUDY CALLED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING TO BEGIN BY OCTOBER
NEXT YEAR OF A SPECIALISED BATTALION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE UNIT
DESIGNED AROUND INFANTRY ANTI-TANK GUIDED MISSILES. (REUTER)
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END QUOTE:

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE TWO COPIES OF THE STUDY REFERRED TO IN THE
ARTICLE AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR

APPROVAL OF A "SPECIAL AIRBORNE ANTI-TANK UNIT."

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